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Applicant:

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Title:

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COMBUSTION ENGINE

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals from the decision of the final rejection dated July 24, 2003, of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-12.

- Applicant claims small entity status. []
- [X]Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:
- Notice of Appeal Fee [X]
 - [X] To be paid as detailed below
 - []Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal)

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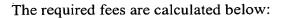
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[X]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00
[]	Extension:	\$0.00
	FEE TOTAL:	\$1280.00
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):	\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:	\$1280.00

- [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$00.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
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